IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

RENEE PAMELA RUSH,

Plaintiff,

vs. Civil No. 13-1070 SMV

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS UNDER EAJA

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees And Costs Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, with Memorandum in Support [Doc. 22], filed on June 3, 2015. Plaintiff requests attorney fees in the amount of \$7,271.40 and \$400 in costs. The Commissioner does not oppose the motion and, therefore, does not object to Plaintiff's request for attorney fees and costs. The Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, **FINDS** that the motion is well-taken and will be **GRANTED**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion [Doc. 22] is **GRANTED**, and Plaintiff is authorized to receive \$7,271.40 for payment to her attorney for services before this Court, and \$400 in costs as permitted by the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and in accordance with Manning v. Astrue, 510 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2007).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Plaintiff's counsel is ultimately granted attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, counsel shall refund the smaller

award to Plaintiff pursuant to <u>Gisbrecht v. Barnhart</u>, 535 U.S. 789, 796 (2002) ("Congress harmonized fees payable by the Government under EAJA with fees payable under § 406(b) out of the claimant's past-due Social Security benefits in this manner: Fee awards may be made under both prescriptions, but the claimant's attorney must refun[d] to the claimant the amount of the smaller fee.") (internal quotation marks omitted).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

STEPHAN M. VIDMAR
United States Magistrate Judge
Presiding by Consent

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